



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98-385-E)

PATENT

In re Application of: Hauptmann et al.)
Serial No.: 09/525,998) Before the Examiner: E. O'Hara
Filed: March 15, 2000) Group Art Unit: 1646
For: TNF Receptors, TNF Binding)
Proteins and DNAs Coding For Them)

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 17, 2002

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed June 17, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 19-21, 24-26, 136, 137, and 140-143 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

75. (Amended) A nucleic acid that hybridizes to the complement of the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 40 at 65°C in a hybridization buffer comprising 6x SSC and 0.1% SDS.

114. (Amended) The recombinant host cell of Claim 97, wherein the recombinant host cell is a prokaryotic cell.